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SUBJ: ICAO - CANDIDACIES FOR SECGEN

1. SECGEN CALLED ON US REP JAN 23 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING QUESTION OF WHERE WE ARE GOING ON SECGEN.
 2. HE CONFIRMED THAT INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT CABLE RECEIVED NOMINATING BARKAH.
 3. REGARDING LAMBERT/France, SECGEN SAID SOUNDINGS HERE HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND HE UNDERSTANDS REPRESENTATIONS ARE BEING MADE BY GOF TO ALL ECAC STATES IN EFFORT FIRM UP EUR SUPPORT BEHIND LAMBERT. SECGEN IS OF OPINION THAT LAMBERT CANDIDACY WILL BE FILED. HE SURMISED THAT MOST EUR STATES WOULD GO ALONG (PROBABLY ALL) AND THERE WOULD BE SUPPORT FROM THIRD WORLD SUCH AS FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES, MAKING IT VERY LIKELY THAT LAMBERT WOULD BE ELECTED IF HE AND BARKAH/INDONESIA WERE ONLY CANDIDATES. SECGEN ASKED US REP FRANKLY HOW US WOULD VOTE IF THERE WERE ONLY THE TWO CANDIDATES. US REP INDICATED WE HAD NOT BEGUN TO THINK ABOUT A POSITION BUT REITERATED CONCERN ABOUT FRENCH-SPEAKING SECGEN ON TOP OF FRENCH-SPEAKING PRESIDENT AND SIXTY PER CENT
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FRENCH-SPEAKING SECRETARIAT AND CONCERN ABOUT LIMITATIONS BARKAH

CANDIDACY AND ABILITY TO PERFORM EFFECTIVELY.

4. SECGEN EXPRESSED DEEP PERSONAL CONCERN BECAUSE HE AND BINAGHI FEEL THAT "A VACUUM IS DEVELOPING" AND PRESENT ALTERNATIVES DO NOT SEEM GOOD. HE ASKED IF US REP AND USG HAD TAKEN DECISION ON US CANDIDACY. US REP RESPONDED THAT OPPORTUNITY WAS NOT PERSONALLY ATTRACTIVE TO US REP BUT WOULD DO IT IF USG MADE DECISION. AT PRESENT NO ONE IN DEPT SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERING A DECISION. HE POINTED OUT THAT TIME IS ALMOST PAST FOR PRESENTING ANY VIABLE ALTERNATIVES. US REP SHARED HIS CONCERN.
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